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Status

1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 9, 11, and 12 is/are rejected.

7) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 8, 10, and 13-15 is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 5

20) ☐ Other:

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Detailed Rejection

With respect to claim 1, Shioto teaches a system for securing a transmission of data from a facility (camera and portable phone combination) shown by figure 3, to a centralized host server (image server 6) for remote viewing from a person computer (pc 11 of the general housing office, or a coin operated machine 15); comprising: a camera device 1; an uploader device (communication means) configured to acquire information from the camera device, see figure 3, and to communicate such information over a network (radio communications) see figure 3; said host server 6 configured to communicate with a plurality of said uploader devices (communication means or portable phone, or coin operated machines) through the network; and

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said person computer (11, 15 or see col. 2, lines 1-2) configured to communicate with the host server.

With respect to claim 2, see col. 8, line 58.

With respect to claim 9, see element 15 of Shioto.

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 - 5, 9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shioto in view of Pinsky.

With respect to claim 3, Shioto teaches all of the subject matter upon which the claim depends except that the network is a type of packet switched Internet or Ethernet type.

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Pinsky, at col. 6, lines 44-54 clearly teaches a network which is a packet switched Internet type and also containing a digital camera (at 66) a upload facility (administrative site 74); a network 70; a server 72 and a plurality of facilities or computer facilities (62, 64 and 66).

Since Shioto and Pinsky are both directed to transmission of images over a network, the purpose of sending information over a network such as the packet switched Internet would have been recognized by Shioto as set forth by Pinsky.

It would have been obvious to modify or change the radio communication network, as shown by Shioto, for the packet switched Internet type, provided by Pinsky, for the purpose of sending information from a camera or other imaging device over a network to computer.

With respect to claim 4, see text and images of patients which are discussed at col. 6, lines 44-54.

With respect to claim 5, Pinsky further teaches the medical images, according to col. 8 and col. 13, lines 10-25.

With respect to claim 9, although this claim can be rejected by Shioto alone, Pinsky refers to elements 62, 64 and 68 as the rooms of the facility.

With respect to claim 11, see the wireless network, as shown by figure 3.

2. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shioto in view of the Well Known Prior Art.

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Shioto teaches all of the subject matter upon which the claim depends except for the specific teaching of passwords.

While Shioto teaches a PC 11, as well as other coin operated machines 15, it is well known in the art of personal computer to use passwords and identification numbers for allowing the user to access the information of the computer.

3. Claims 7, 8, 10 and claims 13-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sato.

Sato teaches a method for securely transmitting data acquired by a camera device to a centralized host server for remote viewing from a personal computer, said method comprising: acquiring and digitizing images using said camera device (1), see col. 4a, last paragraph;

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transmitting images to an uploader device (camera server 202A); transmitting said images to said host server (100n) via network 110; assembling a web page, including said images, at said host server in response to a request from said personal computer; and transmitting said web page to said personal computer (viewer 203 and see col. 6a and 6b).

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is (703) 305-4391. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore, can be reached on (703) 308-7452. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

J. Grant II

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